

REMARKS

Claims 1-19 are pending in this application.

Claim 15 is withdrawn due to a restriction requirement.

Claims 1-14 and 16-19 are presented for consideration.

Restriction under 35 USC 121 and 372

The Examiner states restriction is required under 35 USC 121 and 372.

Group I, claims 1 to 14 and 16 to 19, are drawn to a method of coloring porous material and coloring compositions for carrying out the method; and

Group II, claim 15, is drawn to compounds of the formula (4).

Responsive to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office action, the claims of group I, claims 1-14 and 16-19 are elected for examination.

An examination on the merits of the elected claims is respectfully awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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